
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SAVE OUR FOREST ASSOCIATION, INC.

Plaintiff(s),

v.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE, et al.

Defendant(s).

CASE NUMBER:

5:24-cv-01336-JGB-DTB

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT
OF PANEL MEDIATOR**

James F. Fitzgerald is assigned to serve as the Panel Mediator in this case, pursuant to:

___ Stipulation of the parties. **X** Assignment by ADR Program staff.

Mediation must be completed as ordered by the assigned judge. If no date is set by the assigned judge, mediation must be completed at least forty-five days prior to the final pretrial conference, consistent with Local Rule 16-15.2.

Counsel: You must familiarize yourself with General Order No. 11-10 ("GO 11-10"), which governs the ADR Program. Each party must appear at the mediation in person or by a representative with final authority to settle the case and must be represented at the mediation by the attorney expected to try the case. GO 11-10, §§ 8.5, 8.6. If the mediator requires written mediation statements (GO 11-10, § 8.4), send them directly to the mediator – DO NOT file written mediation statements with the Court. Note that neither the mediator nor ADR Program staff may extend the mediation deadline; “[a]ny continuance of the mediation beyond the completion date ordered by the judge or set by local rule must be approved by the assigned judge.” GO 11-10, §8.3.

Mediators: Within 30 days of the date of this Notice, you must communicate with counsel to set the date, time, and place of the mediation. GO 11-10, §8.1. As soon as the mediation date has been set, you must electronically file a completed Notice of Mediation Date (Form ADR-13). GO 11-10, §§ 8.1, 8.2. After the mediation, you must (1) electronically FILE a completed Mediation Report (Form ADR-03) and (2) return by email to ADR Program staff (DO NOT FILE) the Mediation Confidentiality Agreement (Form ADR-17). GO 11-10, §§ 8.8, 8.9. If the parties do not cooperate in scheduling a mediation, or if a mediation becomes unnecessary because the case settles before the session occurs, you must file a completed Mediation Report (Form ADR-03) to report that information. GO 11-10, §8.9.

GO 11-10, all ADR forms, and procedures for reserving courthouse facilities for mediations are available on the ADR page of the Court’s website at www.cacd.uscourts.gov/attorneys/adr.

Dated: April 10, 2025

By: /s/ ADR Department